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## Messages

### 1 [Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Notice of Land Use Comm](#)

Wed Jun 18, 2014 7:29 am (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council  
Notice of Land Use Committee Meeting and Agenda  
Thursday, June 19th, 2014  
Highland Park Senior Center  
6152 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90042  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item prior to the Board taking action. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

When the Board considers the agenda item entitled "Public Comments," the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction. The public may also comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at: (1) Café de Leche located at 5000 York Boulevard, (2) Ramona Hall Community Center located at 4580 North Figueroa Street, (3) La Tropicana Market, located at 5200 Monte Vista Avenue, (4) Fire Station #12 located at 5921 North Figueroa Street, (5) Highland Market located at Figueroa at Burwood, and (6) when possible, Arroyo Seco Library, 6145 North Figueroa Street

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#### HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Public Comments on NON--AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (10 minutes max, 2 minutes per speaker)

C. Chair's report (5 min)

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. (10 min) Discussion and action to appoint committee chair & secretary. H. Slater
2. (10 min) Discussion and action to appoint committee members. H. Slater
3. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to adopt the agenda
4. (5 min) Discussion and possible action to approve minutes from 4/17/14
5. (10 min) Discussion and possible action: Create a working group to create a vision and mission statement for the HHPNC Land Use Committee.-- H. Slater
6. (10 min) Discussion and possible action: Create a working group to take the lead on the directive from the HHPNC board to work closely with CD1 for making N. Figueroa a complete street. H. Slater
7. (10 min) Discussion and possible action: Create a working group to take the lead on partnering with CD14 to create a York Blvd. specific plan – H. Slater
8. (10 min) Discussion and action to create monthly reports and updates and to assign committee members to monthly reports and updates. (SEE EXHIBIT "A" BELOW FOR EXAMPLE OF REPORTS FROM LAST COMMITTEE TERM) H. Slater
9. (10 min) Discussion and possible action to weigh in on new construction permit at 900 N. Cooper Ave. in Garvanza
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

#### EXHIBIT A: (21 min)

##### Reports and Updates-- (3 min. each)

- a. HPOZ-- C. Fisher
- b. 710 Freeway Extension-- T. Gulotta--Miller, T. Gossett
- c. Transit Village-- L. Kattro, L. Duardo
- d. 1241 Le Gray Ave.-- L. Kattro
- e. Figueroa Complete Street-- L. Duardo
- f. York Blvd. & N. Figueroa St. Specific plan research-- T. Gulotta--Miller
- g. Survey LA-- A. Castillo
- h. 909 Nolden Street-- L. Kattro

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## 2 **Please join me for an “Evening at Fresco” 6/21**

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Please join me for an “Evening at Fresco”, I am hosting a wine tasting event at Fresco on the evening June 21st to support an amazing nonprofit, “Urban Harvester”. We are closing the store early and having an evening of wine & beer tasting along with food & fun.

I've learned that 40% of the food produced in the U.S. is wasted. At the same time, 52 million people are unsure of the source of their next meal.

Urban Harvester has been addressing these issues for the past 5 years by redirecting excess healthy food from groceries, restaurants, and professional kitchens to non-profits feeding the hungry.

Funds for this event will help Urban Harvester launch their next phase, focusing on the reduction of food waste and developing more efficient ways for excess food to find its grateful home.

Come out and be a contribution to improve people's lives. I hope to see you there.

Please open the attachment for details and ticket information or go to [www.Urbanharvestor.org](http://www.Urbanharvestor.org) to purchase tickets.

They make a great Fathers Day present!!!

Respectfully,

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— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### 3 [Roll over crash in Glassell Park](#)

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Photo by Matt Hartman

GLASSELL PARK — A pick-up truck rolled over and landed on a sidewalk this morning after colliding with a small car at York Boulevard and Verdugo Road. No one appeared to be injured and everyone had

gotten out of their vehicles by the time photographer Matt Hartman arrived on the scene. Firefighters from Station No. 56 were the first to respond to the crash, Hartman said.

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#### **4 Join Us in Celebration of 20 Years of Faith and Service 6/26**

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The Wall Las Memorias Project

Dear Friend,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 1st Ecumenical Celebration honoring the 20th Anniversary of The Wall Las Memorias Project and it's partnerships with the faith community on Thursday, June 26th beginning at 6:30pm. The opening service will be followed by a dinner reception and awards presentation.

The celebration will take place in Highland Park at Iglesia De La Comunidad, Presbyterian Church located at 115 N. Ave. 53, Los Angeles, CA 90042.

Our mission is to promote wellness and prevent illness among Latino populations affected by HIV/AIDS by using the inspiration of The AIDS Monument as a catalyst for social change. We take this opportunity to acknowledge that the journey to achieving this mission has been filled with love and support from the communities we serve.

Two of our founding board members were Pastors and representative of the communities of faith. Faith and spirituality is important to us particularly in promoting health and wellness to our people and integrating it with our spirits.

The event is free and open to the members of your congregation. Please see the English and Spanish Flyers for more information. Interpretation will be provided for Spanish speaking guests.

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel to contact me at 323.257.1056 ext. 21 or [jperez@thewalllasmemorias.org](mailto:jperez@thewalllasmemorias.org).

Sincerely,

Richard Zaldivar  
Executive Director  
The Wall Las Memorias Project • United States

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## 5 **Katie Grinnan's ASTROLOGY ORCHESTRA at The Unfinished** **Saturday**

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A summer solstice event  
Katie Grinnan's ASTROLOGY ORCHESTRA  
at The Unfinished

Saturday June 21st

Apprx. 2800 Casitas Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90039  
Directions and Parking  
Free event, no RSVP required

Gates open at 7 pm, performance starts promptly at 7:45

Arrive at 7 to taste the Wizard Brew, based on an ancient Egyptian beer recipe and brewed by Grinnan specifically for this event. First come, first serve.

Katie Grinnan's Astrology Orchestra is a system-based composition that uses astrology to map out the artist's astrological birth chart from the viewpoint of all the planets in the solar system as well as the sun. The planetary transits from these charts translate into strings and notes. A metronome, modified to a ten-beat time signature, serves as the conductor for the orchestra. A bell rings on the tenth beat to signal that the performers should change signs. The performers begin with the sign of Aries and circumnavigate the zodiac playing the planetary transits. Within the ten-beat time signature, the performers can arrange the notes as they choose, leaving room for variation within each rotation. When the metronome stops, the performance ends.

Grinnan's most recent work reflects the search for structure and form within complex systems such as the brain and the universe that resist resolution and are largely speculative. It is the alchemical, yet paradoxical relationship between actual experience and our interpretations that has become the underlying focus of her work. New work can be seen as part of Alice Könitz's LAMOA in the Made in LA show at the Hammer Museum.

Read an interview with artist Katie Grinnan here.  
<http://clockshopla.tumblr.com/post/88992817433/q-a-with-artist-katie-grinnan-the-astrology-orchestra>

The Unfinished, a project by Michael Parker is produced by Clockshop. Support for the summer performance series provided by an ARC grant from the Center for Cultural Innovation.  
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## 6 **The Great Root Beer Taste-Off at Galco's Soda Pop Stop**

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Galco's will again host the annual FSWM fundraising soda tasting

Galco's Soda Pop Stop, known around the world for its extensive 500+ sodas, is throwing its annual soda tasting party.

All proceeds of sales will support the Friends of the Southwest Museum's work to return LA's first museum open to its former glory.

Buy Tickets

Time: 5-8pm

Date: July 20, 2014

Address: Galco's Old World Grocery, 5702 York Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90042

L.A.'s famed soda store throws biggest root beer tasting party for its annual Summer Soda Tasting 4 Event. More than 75 root beers, birch beers and sarsaparillas will be available for sampling. Soda-related fun, entertainment, music and more.

The Great Root Beer Taste Off will finally settle the question on everyone's mind – what IS the best root beer? Tasters will have more than 75 types of root beers, birch beers and sarsaparillas to sample and make their own decision. In addition, guests can enjoy music and soda fun in the parking lot and stock up on all of Galco's beverage offerings.

As always, Galco's Summer Soda Tasting 4 is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Southwest Museum Coalition that is fighting to have Los Angeles' first museum as well as the Casa de Adobe opened once again to the public full time.



Buy Tickets

- Tickets \$12 in advance which include all tastings (\$5 for children ages 5-11)
- Advanced tickets are also on sale at Galco's (cash or check only)
- Tickets are \$15 day of event

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**7a Weekend in the Parks**

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Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Saturday, June 21st at 7:30pm: Franklin Canyon

Summer Solstice Night Hike

Welcome summer as we hike up a moderate trail looking for seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. Meet at Franklin Canyon Ranch parking lot. 2.5 hours.

Firemaking.

Thursday, June 19th at 4pm: Marsh Park

Primitive Firemaking Skills\*

Have you been watching survival shows on TV and wish you had the skills to start fire from scratch? Well, now's your chance! Stop on by and try your hand at different firemaking techniques. Leave your matches and lighters at home, you'll have to work hard to make fire! 1.5 hours.

Saturday, June 21st at 8am: Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon

Chirp, Perch, Flutter

What are the sounds, behaviors, and actions of our region's birds? Join us on this walk to find out. Beginning birders are welcome. Binoculars optional. Meet at Towsley Canyon's front parking lot. 2 hours.

Saturday, June 21st at 3pm: Temescal Gateway Park

Walk into the Chumash World

Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1 mile walk. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond. 2 hours.

Info: 310.858.7272 ext. 131

\*Weather permitting

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## 8 URBAN HARVESTER MATCHES FOOD HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS

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Broker helps agencies find suppliers of surplus groceries.

SOUTH PASADENA | Linda Hess is a food matchmaker.

The South Pasadena resident spends hours every day speaking with restaurants, stores and supermarkets that have expiring food in order to connect them with nearby organizations that can distribute the food to needy locals before it goes bad.

It's easier said than done, Hess said. Restaurants may have cooked food to offer, but some organizations can distribute only packaged foods. Once she gets both sides in sync, though, her work is done.

"All I ask is that they send me a postcard from the honeymoon," Hess said.

In 2011, Hess founded the nonprofit organization Urban Harvester. Since then, she and a dedicated group of volunteers have worked to connect the haves and have-nots of food.

While the organization typically breaks even between donations and expenses, Hess is organizing Urban Harvester's first major fundraiser this month in order to develop a digital platform that will help do the matchmaking work for her.

Hess first noticed the potential of uneaten food at a funeral in 2009. Church staff packed up leftover food from the reception, and Hess thought it was for attendees to take home.

She was stunned to learn that the church instead was taking the food to older neighborhood citizens who were unable to shop for themselves.

"It broke my heart seeing these seniors, some whose pantries were completely empty except for a few cans of cat food," Hess said.

Not long after, Hess was stopping by local supermarkets, packing her Toyota Prius full of expiring goods and delivering them to local organizations that could distribute the food.

After two years of driving all over the San Gabriel Valley, she realized she could cut herself out as the middle man simply by connecting the two ends directly, and so Urban Harvester was born.

### MATCHES MADE

While Hess has made hundreds of connections over the past three years, some of the most successful are in Pasadena.

As a result of her efforts, Pasadena's AIDS Service Center, Union Station Homeless Services and Friends In Deed receive donated food at least once a week. The donated food comes from different

places, but Trader Joe's is a major contributor.

Guy Conigliaro, food services manager for Union Station, said the homeless services center in Pasadena has received food for the past year and a half as a result of partnerships forged by Hess. The organization receives 150 to 200 pounds of fresh produce, meat and seafood a week, which Conigliaro said helps Union Station feed 250-300 people daily.

"Linda works tirelessly," Conigliaro said. "She's so devoted to this cause. It's quite inspiring to see her just never give up on it."

Hess also has reached out to several school districts so they know they don't have to throw away or compost their unused food. After meeting with South Pasadena Unified School District officials in 2011, the five schools in that city all donate their unused cafeteria food whenever the schools close for a holiday.

Despite Urban Harvester's reach, Hess said the organization has remained small because her efforts are spent entirely on matchmaking.

The few thousand dollars the group gets in donations usually go toward fliers and T-shirts for volunteers, and in three years, Hess has yet to take a salary. "I didn't get into this because I wanted a second career," said Hess, who used to work in movie and television production. "I want to do what's right, and if I can take a salary eventually, that's great."

Right now, Hess' priority is building a digital platform through which businesses with food can list what they have so local charitable organizations can find them easily.

In order to help fund that project, Urban Harvester is hosting a wine- and beer-tasting event at Fresco Community Market in the Hermon neighborhood of Los Angeles from 8-11 p.m. June 21. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at [urbanharvester.org](http://urbanharvester.org).

"We've learned a lot from Linda, so we're happy to help Urban Harvester," said Robert Chavez, the market's general manager.

Fresco Community Market donates its expiring food to the Los Angeles Mission, thanks to Hess' matchmaking work.

While Hess is hoping to grow her organization's sponsorship base, she said she's most looking forward to spreading her simple message even further.

"I don't want to tell people not to compost their unused food," Hess said. "I just want them to know there's a step before that – the people step – where they can help others who have less and help eliminate hunger."

PHOTOS: ED CRISOSTOMO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Veronica Flores, a Fresco Community Market clerk, helps Eugene Davis of the Los Angeles Mission load donated food from the grocery.

Linda Hess visits with Nicholas Diaz at Fresco Community Market, one of her sources for agencies that deliver food to people.

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**9 You're Invited to the Open House Hosted by KCET and The Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative** [Reply to sender](#) .  
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June 17 eNews: You're Invited to the Open House Hosted by KCET and The Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative

Dear Friend of KCET,

You're invited to an open house presented by KCET and the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC)!

After more than a year and a half of engaging surrounding communities along the L.A. River, including Atwater Village, Cypress Park, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park and Lincoln Heights, KCET and the NELA RC will host an open house to unveil a riverfront vision plan for northeast Los Angeles.

Come and enjoy a variety of activities, including:

- Food and beverages from local eateries
  - A photography gallery of "Portraits of the People of Northeast Los Angeles"
  - Recognition of winners of the NELA Placemaking Design Competition
  - Kids activities
  - Raffle prizes
  - L.A. River Corp scavenger hunt
  - Riverwild L.A. recreational activities
  - Direct access to the L.A. River Greenway for your walking and biking recreational pleasure
- In addition, invited elected officials and Los Angeles community members will be in attendance.

The open house takes place this Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. - noon, located at RAC Design Build, 3048 N. Coolidge Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

For any questions, email: [info@mylariver.org](mailto:info@mylariver.org) or visit KCET Departures for more information.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Your Friends at KCET

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**REMINDER**

Time Warner Cable (TWC) has announced that it has begun reconfiguring its digital channel line-up, and the transition period will last through June 26. KCET's new channel positions include:

- CHANNEL 1233: KCET
- CHANNEL 1276: KCETLINK
- CHANNEL 1277: V-ME
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## 10 **Storefront Report: Chefs cooking up new concepts at Tested L.A.**

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June 18, 2014

Glassell Park, restaurants, cafes

Coffee break at Tested L.A. | Photo courtesy Tested L.A.

GLASSELL PARK — Blank canvases come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes they look like kitchens. Experimental kitchen space Tested L.A. on the border of Glassell Park and Cypress Park is a brick and mortar restaurant open to ambitious chefs and food brands to rent who want to wine and dine customers. The roster is a revolving door and the menu – and hours – are always changing at Tested L.A.

Evenings are currently occupied by food truck Va'Ka Burger and in the morning the space transforms into a café with I Do Coffee. Other chefs rent the space to host private events where they test new dishes and schmooze their clientele in style.

Tested L.A. Robyn Rodriguez calls the concept “Rent to grow,” as in growing a stream of customers who are introduced to a brand or a crew of chefs and other entrepreneurs.

“A lot of them are already established at farmers markets or in their own circles,” said Rodriguez, who started Tested L.A. because she is a fan of all things food and wine. “Now we’re giving them a chance to meet the public with more space to host.”

The ultimate success story for Rodriguez’ roster of chefs is that they get their own space and move on

from Tested L.A. "Oh well, that's great for them, but there's always room for the next person to set up shop."

Tested L.A.  
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Los Angeles, California

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## 11 Using Science to Support Alternative 20

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May 28, 2014 was an exciting day for the LA River community. On that day, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced they were recommending approval of the \$1 billion Los Angeles River proposal known as "Alternative 20" to restore habitat, improve water quality, increase recreation, and boost the local economy.

This is a huge win for Los Angeles. Thanks to the hard work of many people and organizations, with dedicated promotion by LA City Mayor Eric Garcetti, the USACE chose the right alternative. One week later, we were among the select organizations and individuals honored as a "Hero of the Los Angeles River," at the inaugural "LA River Day."

The award came, in part, as a result of our work on the Los Angeles River Watershed Monitoring Program. Through this collaborative program, our goal is to provide a more complete picture of conditions and trends of the entire watershed. With five years of data in-hand, we published the State of the LA River Watershed Report and hosted a conference in October 2013 to communicate conditions and bring together the people who can make improvements..

Our support for Alternative 20 derives from research and monitoring in the LA River Watershed.

- Biological communities in concrete-lined channels are highly degraded relative to the more natural sites in the upper watershed.
- The presence and condition of the surrounding riparian habitat is a stronger influence on river conditions than water chemistry or toxicity alone. Alternative 20 includes maximal additional riparian habitat area, specifically at the confluences. This increase in riparian area will have a significant positive impact on the nearby aquatic habitats, multiplying the ecosystem benefit of the restoration.
- Alternative 20 provides almost 50% more acreage of freshwater marsh habitat, and would therefore be more effective in helping to meet TMDL wet-weather targets especially for heavy metals (copper, lead, and zinc) and bacteria.

We know that our monitoring and research will continue to inform policy. In other words, if you don't measure it, you can't change it. In addition to the Los Angeles River Watershed, we monitor the San

Gabriel River Watershed, Elmer Avenue in Los Angeles, special projects in the Angeles National Forest, and stormwater BMPs throughout the region. Together, these projects help us to paint a picture for the region.

If you think it's important to keep track of watershed health, if you think monitoring and research will help us to better understand your river, and if you agree that a healthier river means healthier people and healthier communities, then join us as a member of Council for Watershed Health.

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